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We're enlarging a farm town, instead of chopping up waterfront land for million-dollar mansions like you see in other places in Talbot County. We want to build on what we have, not ruin it.

Cheryl Lewis, Town Council President

From the November 30, 2003 edition of *The Baltimore Sun* in an article titled "Shore Towns Embrace Growth, Survival."
The full article is available at <http://www.sunspot.net/news/local/bal-md.towns30nov30,1,833644.story>

What I have valued in the short time I have been in Trappe, is the tightness and community spirit in this town.

Frank Hall, Trappe Town Planner, December Town Meeting

One Year Later...

The developers of the recently annexed property on the east side of Route 50, Rocks Engineering Co., have asked to be on the Trappe Town Council's January Meeting Agenda to present their Concept Plan for a Planned Neighborhood as is required by our recently passed PN Ordinance. So that everyone will have the opportunity to view the concept plan, the meeting will be held at the Trappe Fire Hall....



Please bring your neighbors and join the Town Council in their first look at the concept Rocks has been preparing. Per our PN ordinance the Concept Plan is to be presented to the Town Council along with a few other requirements. If the Town Council feels the concept plan is in agreement with our Comprehensive Plan and the Plan meets the necessary requirements in the PN ordinance, they can choose to pass the concept plan on to the Planning Commission for the next phase in the development process.

Trappe Town Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 7th - 7:30 pm
Trappe Fire Hall

Information from the Town Clerk:

- The Town Office will be closed for New Years Day on January 1st.
- Special CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP: January 9th. Trees only.



Trappe POTTERY is available for immediate purchase at the Town Office.



Girl Scouts of Talbot County will start taking **COOKIE ORDERS** on January 10.

The cost remains \$3.00 a box.

This year you may also order a box that will be sent to the Military overseas.
Questions?: Jean Sard @ 410-476-3301





Royce & Ryan Geist decorate their home on Main Street as a surprise for parents, Ray and Jane Geist.



Susan Redman greets students as they arrive at White Marsh Elementary on a rainy early morning.



**The Face Behind
The Index**

Hello! My name is Ann Dorbin and I enjoy writing and compiling *The Index* (with the help of Cheryl Lewis, who does a masterful job of layout and editing). I believe that Trappe is a special place. There is so much to know about our town that it's not easy keeping up with it all. I like learning about the past, present, and future of Trappe. And there is no better way to do that than through the stories of the town's people. Now and then, you may see me snapping a photo or talking to folks about life in our small town. Writing *The Index* helps me stay informed about what's going on around town—plus it gives me a good excuse to be a little nosy!

My family has lived on Main Street for seven years. My husband, Richard, and I have four children, April, Andrew, Conner, and Noah, ages 6 to 14 who are active in youth sports, EMS & EHS Bands, and Cub Scouts. Richard and I coach S.L.O.T. soccer and I serve as Treasurer for the EHS Band Boosters. We also enjoy bike riding, roller blading & swimming.

When we moved to Trappe, Main Street was torn up for sewer line installation and we were welcomed to our new home by a sea of mud and the roar of heavy equipment rattling our front windows. One-year old Noah **loved** watching bulldozers, rollers, and pavers outside his crib-side window, but the movers weren't too happy when their truck got stuck and they had to call a tow truck to pull them out of our driveway. The sidewalk contractor also was not happy (he chewed me out) that we had pressed our baby's footprints into his wet concrete; but we are glad to have that souvenir of our family and our town.

As you may have noticed, I love stories about so-called everyday people and the unsung heroes all around us. I have published two books and many articles in local periodicals, including *Chesapeake Life Magazine*, *Delmarva Quarterly*, *The Star Democrat*, and *The Chesapeake Business Ledger*. My husband, Richard, and I own and operate Paragon Light, a photography studio in Easton. We recently celebrated our 20th anniversary of being in business.

Although I can always find something to write about in *The Index*, I love to receive submissions from townsfolk. News, events, announcements, celebrations, drawings, calendar items, etc. are always welcome. Please send them to me by email at tinman@friend.ly.net, postal mail at PO Box 10, or call me at 410.476.3910. You may also call 410.476.3170 or drop off your submission to the Town Office or slip it in the envelope with your water bill payment. I look forward to hearing from you!



LaTrappe Creek No-Discharge Zone



Trappe Landing Farm & Native Sanctuary (TLFNS), located on Granville Lane near the Trappe Landing, is heading an initiative to improve water quality and restore and protect natural habitat and aquatic life by having LaTrappe Creek declared a Federal No-Discharge Zone (NDZ). According to Don Kerstetter, TLFNS president, there has been overwhelming support for the proposal. "However," he stated, "there were two strong objections from boat owners for very valid reasons. The Federal NDZ designation does not allow for any discharge, not even treated discharge from boats with treatment systems. It also discourages boat owners from installing treatment systems. In view of the current Federal Law prohibiting raw sewage discharge in any U.S. waters, we asked the State to declare the Creek a Raw Sewage NDZ and provide a few signs to this effect." TLFNS is asking for community support in declaring the Creek a Raw Sewage No-Discharge Zone. TLFNS will purchase and maintain three signs: one floating at the mouth of the Creek, one on the sand spit at Martins Cove, and one at Dickerson Harbor. They ask for feedback indicating objection or support, particularly **any** strong objection. Those strongly favoring the designation are asked to your help by contributing to the cost of the signs. Please contact Don Kerstetter by phone 410.476.3366, fax 410.476.3533, or email: kerstis@fastol.com.

On a related subject, the County Council has agreed to install a pumpout station at Trappe Landing in a planned upgrade of the Landing to an 11-slip Marina.

The Index is now available online, along with lots of other local info. Visit the town Web site: www.trappemd.net Logon today!!

The Index is a publication of the Trappe Town Council. We welcome contributions and short articles that are of general interest to the community. Events reported in *The Index* do not necessarily reflect the endorsement of the Town Commissioners. The Commissioners reserve the right to edit or reject any item submitted.

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THIS MONTH'S WEBSITE PICK: American Academy of Pediatrics www.aap.org.

This is cold and flu season. Logon to the AAP site to learn about illnesses, vaccines, immunizations, and healthy choices for people of all ages, infant to adult, including simple *Tips for a Healthier New Year*.

In Memorandum ~ Edward C. Cannon

On December 7, 2003, at the age of 92, long-time Trappe resident, Edward C. Cannon passed away. Mr. Cannon was a World War II veteran and for many years worked as a nurseryman for Eastern Shore Nursery. He lived most of his life in Trappe, where he was well-loved and respected by many. During his illness, so many people asked about him that a notice was posted at the Post Office counter conveying information about his location and condition.



Mr. Cannon possessed a great depth of knowledge about plants and trees, which he freely shared with his neighbors. He was a modest man who lovingly cared for his beautiful yard. (I particularly enjoyed his colorful fencerow of tulips that added extra cheer to the Spring season.) He always carried a pair of clippers in his back pocket and kept an old, custom-made shovel and a piece of burlap in the trunk of his yellow Buick, readily available for tree-planting, an activity he performed well and often all over town. Indeed, he has been called "our version of Johnny Appleseed" and a "Town Treasure." Many Trappe residents remember Mr. Cannon fondly. "He didn't need to dig for treasure," says Elizabeth Ferguson, "he was the treasure." His longtime next door neighbor, Lisa Willoughby, became one of many good friends. "He was rich in friends," she told me. "He was the richest man I know."

Drake Ferguson is spearheading a memorial to Edward Cannon, to be constructed using Mr. Cannon's own, well-used shovel, mounted on inscribed barn wood. "Ed's touches are all over town," Drake reflected. "He never knew how important he was to the scheme of things in Trappe. As human beings, we are called upon to make the world a better place and improve the quality of life for those who follow. That is the sentiment behind his memorial."

For more information about the Edward C. Cannon Memorial, please contact Drake Ferguson at 410.476.4446



Scott's United Methodist Church ~ Soup & fellowship ~ Every Friday night from 5-7 p.m. "Absolutely Free"
If you would like to volunteer to work in the soup kitchen or if you would like to donate items for the preparation of soup, please contact Violece Brown at 410.476.3980 ~ Sponsored by the United Methodist Women

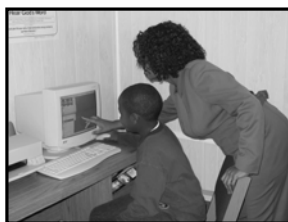
THE LIST IS GROWING! Thanks to Nathaniel W. Pearce, Sylvia Griffith, and Jo Frock (an out of town grandparent) for adding to the list this month...

100 Things to Love About Trappe

(Here are the latest, please send in your own until we reach 100)

8. Our dedicated and hardworking Fire Department in the heart of town
9. People walking Main St. with baby strollers, pets, jogging shoes, work boots, skateboards, bedroom slippers, barefoot, etc.
10. The Postmaster knows your name, your P.O. Box number, and your child's favorite lollipop flavor
11. *The Index*
12. The trash collectors put the top back on the garbage cans
13. The Old Store on the corner of Main and Maple Avenue
14. Four churches even when the population was 400
15. The nearby creeks and rivers for us to enjoy and care for
16. White Marsh Elementary School and its dedicated teachers and staff who work so hard teaching our Town's next generation of citizens
17. The Trappe logo, designed by White Marsh Elementary students, and its motto: "19th Charm, 21st Century Progress"
18. The view of the Trappe water tower from the highway
19. The view of the Rampmeyer's light displays on Howell Point Rd.
20. Parades
21. Nace's Day
22. Trappe Old Fashioned Family Fun Days (Town Fair)
23. Pancake breakfasts at Trappe United Methodist Church
24. Hilda Jane Grove's piano recitals
25. It's a great place for our grandchildren to grow up (submitted by a grandparent living in a nearby city)

SCOTT'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AFTER SCHOOL TUTORIAL PROGRAM ~ GRADES 4-11
 Partially Funded by Talbot Family Network
 PROGRAM IS OPEN TO ALL YOUTH IN TALBOT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 MONDAY THRU THURSDAY 3:30 P.M. -5:30 P.M. ~ TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS AVAILABLE



Program Chairperson, Tonya Pritchett instructs Taylor Gibson on one of several new computers



Shamika Hardman studies with math tutor, Elton Holmes



Taylor Gibson & Treyvar Pritchett learn about counting & geometry while having fun with Chinese Checkers

DAILY SCHEDULE

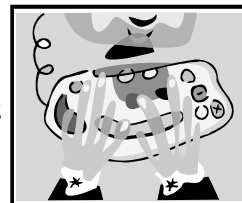
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| Elementary School | Middle School / High School |
| 4:00 pm Homework/Reading | 3:30 pm Homework |
| 4:30 pm Snack | 4:30 pm Snack |
| 4:45 pm Computer Lab | 4:45 pm Homework |
| 5:05 pm Math Lab | 5:05 pm Computer Lab |

NOTE:
VOLUNTEERS
ARE
NEEDED

FOR QUESTIONS AND TO REGISTER CONTACT:

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| Chairperson Tonya Pritchett | 410.476.3042 |
| Coordinator Emma Johnson | 410.943.3079 |
| Coordinator Alma Hackett | 410.822.8308 |

COULD THIS
BE YOUR
NEW YEAR'S
RESOLU-
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JOIN THE



21ST CENTURY! FREE COMPUTER
CLASSES FOR YOUNG & OLD

Don't be left out, computers are simply tools, like your car, but with fewer moving parts; no one was ever hurt in a computer collision! The Easton Library offers free computer classes. Classes are limited to three students to assure personal and patient attention. Receive a painless and enjoyable introduction to computers at your friendly Easton Library by calling 410.822.1626.



Congratulations to **Scarlett White**, Willow Construction Career Technology student of the month for November. Scarlett is an Office Technology Completer. She plays guitar and plans to attend Nichols State University majoring in psychology.



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| Please submit Calendar Events and News Items to the Town Office or call Ann Dorbin at 410-476-3910 or email tinman@friend.ly.net NEXT SUBMISSION DEADLINE is January 23rd, 2004 | | | January 7th Rocks Eng presents Concept Plan @ Town Council Mtg. Fire Hall 7:30 pm | 1 Talbot County Town Office Closed NEW YEAR'S DAY | 2 Schools Closed SUMC Soup 5 pm | 3 |
| 4 | 5 Back to School SUMC After School Program Mon-Fri 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm | 6 Parent Involvement Speaker Series EHS Caf  6:30 pm EHS Band Booster Mtg 7pm Cadette #906 4pm WMES | 7 WMES PTO Mtg 7 pm SUMC - 11 am Young @ Heart SUMC - 1:30 pm Bible Study SUMC - 7 pm Bible Study | 8 GSA Brownie #906 Mtg. @ 6:30pm WMES | 9 Special Christmas Tree Pickup SUMC Soup 5 pm | 10 Girl Scout Cookie Sales Begin 7:30 - 10:00 am Country Church Breakfast Trappe UMC |
| 11 | 12 EHS SOS Mtg 7pm | 13 EHS Financial Aid Night 6:30 pm EHS Caf  | 14 7:30 Planning Workshop SUMC - 11 am Young @ Heart SUMC - 1:30 pm Bible Study SUMC - 7 pm Bible Study | 15 Parent Inv Speaker EMS Media 6:30 pm EMS Jack Frost Dance | 16 Town Dinner Meatloaf Trappe UMC 5:30pm SUMC Soup 5pm | 17 |
| 18 | 19 Town Office Public Schools Closed Martin Luther King Day | 20 GSA Cadette #906 Mtg @ 4pm WMES 1/20 & 21st EHS Final Exams | 21 Planning & Zoning Mtg 7:30 pm 7 pm TCPS Brd Mtg SUMC - 11 am Young @ Heart SUMC - 1:30 pm Bible Study SUMC - 7 pm Bible Study | 22 EMS PTO 7:15 am Parent Coffee Parent Inv Speaker Tilghman ES 6:30 pm EHS Trans Day Closed | 23 Scott's UMC Free Soup Night Nov thru Feb Every Friday Night 5:00 - 7:00 pm | 24 7:30 - 10:00 am Country Church Breakfast Trappe UMC Jr / Sr All-Shore Band Tryouts - Salisbury MS |
| 25 | 26 WMES Book Fair | 27 WMES Meet the Author Day | 28 SUMC ... 11 am Young @ Heart 1:30 pm Bible Study 7 pm Bible Study 7 pm Men's Bible Study | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| | | | | | BIG TRASH DAY!! | |



Town Dinner

sponsored by

**The Friends of
Home Run Baker Park**

January 16th @ 5:30 pm

Adults \$6 Children \$4

Trappe United Methodist Church
Dessert by Seven Sister's
Quilting Guild!!

- Meatloaf
- Mashed Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Stewed Tomatoes



WMES

Local Business Supports
White Marsh Elementary

Thanks to the generosity of a White Marsh Elementary family, Evan and Ann Kruger, and their company, SolidTops, LLC, the school now has a new podium. It was designed and built by the production manager, Eli Polite (left in picture) and is made of Corian with a backlit dolphin insert of the school's dolphin mascot.

WMES Book Fair is the Jan 26th—30th. Meet the Author, on the 27th, consists of two afternoon assemblies and an evening presentation at 7 pm.

